

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CERTIFYING THAT DATA
RECEIVED OVER A COMPUTER NETWORK HAS BEEN
CHECKED FOR VIRUSES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for certifying that data sent from a computer is free from viruses
5 identified by an anti-virus database. The method includes scanning data for
viruses before it is sent from the computer and attaching a certificate identifying
the data as being scanned for viruses if no viruses are found during scanning. The
data is sent with the certificate from the computer to a recipient computer. A
method for certifying that content available on a host site is free from viruses is
10 also disclosed.